Hi all,

Sorry for the delay in the meeting notes! I was all set to send out last night, but the email was inadvertently deleted and went "poof", away. That has never happened to me before where it didn't end up in drafts or trash. Oh well.

So these will be a bit short:

1. Community Education update - facilitators working to get sustainability program into the  curriculum this fall; Bexley MS is hosting a 6 week environmental program; Bexley ESAC is at the farmers market 2nd Thursday of the month to educate the community about ESAC!

2. Food waste - Current number is 1,576 families (not sure how many of these are consistently putting out their buckets weekly); there is a plan to get compost going at the Alexander apt bldg; ESAC will stay in contact with new BCS superintendent about getting compost buckets into the cafeterias

Mayor Kessler and Elizabeth toured Innovative Organics; they are currently working with a company in Ireland - Harp Renewables to use a machine that uses high heat to process compost into organic fertilizer; goals is to get these machines into institutions

3. Programming - DORA started last week with compostable cups - how are these discarded? Wanting to make sure they are not thrown into trash receptacles

Dog waste stickers for residents' trash bins - Betty and Elizabeth working on this

Feet on the Street - please let Elizabeth know if you would be interested to help "audit" recycling bins on pick up days; farmers market - encourage reusable bags. If you have any other ideas, please email Elizabeth

4th of July - Please email Rebecca if you are interested in joining the parade with ESAC! Involve the city's new Chevy Bolt in the parade?

Sustainable September - Have ideas? Let Elizabeth know. Adult boot camp/movies?

Plastic Free July - pledge to reduce your usage of single use plastic; coffee shops use compostable cups or start a "mug swap"

Possiblity of speaker Rob Greenfield - virtual event; topic is simple living. And possibility of the screening of "microplastic madness" to middle school students. (CSG is interested in this if you proceed)

4. Legislation - HB 42 that permanently bans the ban on single use plastics, has passed, making it difficult for solar/wind projects to succeed. Any jurisdiction can shoot down a zoning for renewables, jeopardizing the city of Bexley's aggregation plan. Also, utility scale solar/wind permitted through PUCO is driving up the pricing (Amazon/Google are required to be using solar/wind)

Climate Action Plan - got a grant for benchmarking to see where we are at in our zero waste goals; we need to take part in equity coaching - environmental justice training

Current hold on purchasing any new trucks for the city fleet that aren't electric; city now has the first all electric car in its fleet - Chevy Bolt

5. Forum - Steve reported that Upper Arlington has revitalized a sustainability group and that New Albany is forming a group. If anyone is interested in attending a "Town to Gown" conference, the next one can be found at Ohiotowngown.com

6. Litter Clean up - 2 of us gathered 2 full garbage bags of trash in the alley between Main and Sherwood (Remington to Cassady). Next litter clean up is Saturday, July 17 at 1:00 - Life Church on Alum Creek Drive

**To Do** - Let Elizabeth know if you would like to monitor waste at the Main Event - basically hover around the waste receptacles and make sure items going into the correct bins.

Let Rebecca know if you want to be in the parade!

Thanks, all. I am sure I am missing things since I hurried this along - please let me know if I should add anything or if I have misstated something. Thanks.

Go, Bexley ESAC!